

At the annual championship meeting the Amateur Athletic union on Manhattan field last Saturday afternoon Bernard Wefers, the phenomenal sprinter of the age, was run to a standstill in the 440-yarder by shorter distances, but he sighed for the 440vard honor and made a herote effort, but pin of American winners in the Olympic games at Athens last April. There were seven starters in the race Saturday, including Kilpairick, but attention was centered on Wefers and Burke. Every man who looked on had his heart in his mouth when the seven got on their marks, and there was till the faint crack of the starter's pistol was faintly heard away up the stretch. rick, while Wefers held himself well in among the tailenders. Down the stretch Burke gradually drew away from the field, and then a terrific shout went up when Wefers tore through the bunch. Nearing the dressing room, about 100 yards from the finish he mowed his opponents down as if they had been standing still, and then he made his supreme effort. Inch by inch he cut down the gap between himself and the cut down the gap between himself and the champion. Everybody sprang to their feet. Everybody yelled: "Wefer wins! Wefer wins!" and, indeed, fifty yards from the finish the triple crown for the great sprinter seemed assured. But all this time the speed and the endurance of the Boston lad had been very little taken into account. Then he, too, put on the terrific, final spurt for which he is noted. It was a heart-breaking finish, and Wefers, although defeated, covered himself with glory. Burke beat him to a standstill, however, and crossed the line a winner by exactly seven feet. The time, 48 4-5 seconds, was remarkably fast, but not up to the record.

INDIANOLA, Neb., Sept. 15.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Enclosed please find a complimentary to our fair, to be held here October 6-9, with our earnest request that you make an effort to be with us. We are going to have the best string of horses here we have ever had; also a handicap foot race, 190 yards, Sheffield rules, the second event of the kind, I believe, ever run in the state. We had one here last year which was a grand success. An unknown colored man dropped in on us and won from the scratch in ten seconds. This handicap is open to all comers; the purse is \$50 cash and the entry \$2.50, all entry money going with the purse, which makes the event quite an attractive one; three moneys. I think there will be twenty entries at least, and if there are any sprinters about Omaha we shall be glad to receive their entries.—W. A. McCool, superintendent of speed.

Talking of foot ball signals, Bob Patrick says that no two teams have the same set of signals, but all the best teams have adopted a system which varies only in de-By the middle of the foot ball season first-class team has perfected at twenty-five plays, which are numbered from one up to the limit. For example, the play by which left half back goes around right end will be called No. 1, and left tackle between right tackle and right end will be called No. 7. Every man has to take a different position and do something different in each play, so he must keep in his mind's eye his position in each play. Every play is signaled for by shouting a ries of numbers, and the difficulty comes distinguishing what play has been signaled. It would be a simple matter if only one number was called, but in order to prevent the opponents from learning signals they are purposely complicated. This is done in various ways, as, for instance, the number of the play is obtained by adding or subtracting the third and fourth numbers which the captain calls out. Whether the numbers are to be added or subtracted will be determined by the first number called For example, if the third and fourth numbers are to be added the first number will be some number below ten; if they are to be subtracted the first. or cue number, as it is called, will be som The cue number may be the second or third or some other number and the numbers to be added or sub-tracted may be the seventh and eighth or any other two numbers. See how the sys tem works? Let the cue be the second number called, and if it be even the fourth and fifth numbers are to be added, and if it be odd they are to be subtracted. Let the play called for be right guard around the left end, which has been numbered twelve. The captain will then sing out nine, six. twenty-nine, seven, five, sixty-three, seventy-five, etc. Hardly are the last words out of his mouth before the ball is in play, and every man must be in his position in an instant. It will readily be seen that some lightning calculation must be done, and that, too, while laboring under great excitement. Proficiency in this kind of mental exercise comes only by long and hard prac-tice, and many a bright man in the class room has failed to make a 'varsity foot ball team because he hadn't the mental ability to play his position properly. Not only ac-curate reasoning but also rapid decision s required to make a successful foot ball

That glorious old "waser"-Jake Kilrainhad the temerity to attempt to make a twenty-round run with Paddy Slavin the other Not that the Australian is any great shakes, but Kilrain-well, he couldn't beat a pair of deuces if he was allowed to draw from the deck face up. He was at one time, years ago, a good sort of a defensive fighter, with plenty of will and plenty of pluck, but that was right after the flood, and since then Jake has grown obese and indolent, and paretic, one would think, judging from his fistic vagaries. And Paddy Slavin, he's but little better. Put Jake's years on his shoulders and he would make a good mate for the old skate. As it is now, he has some considerable punching power left, enough anyway to make a stewed monkey out of the Baltimorean in less than one round.

Henry of Navarre, it is said in turf cir-les, is to be retired and sent to Mr. Belmont's stock farm. While being fitted for the present season at the Bennings race track, near Washington, last April, the great horse contracted catarrhal fever, which pre-valled at that point. He recovered in due time, but could not be prepared for the Brooklyn Handicap. He rounded to and won the Suburban, that race being the occasion of his last appearance. It was the purpose of Mr. Belmont to send Henry of Navarre to England this fall at the head of his stable for racing in that country next year. Henry of Navarre is a chestnut horse, 5 years old, by Knight of Ellerslie, out of Moss Rose. Clifford, who was regarded last spring as the only rival handicap horse to Henry of Navarre, may also shortly be retired. He pulled up so sore at Sheepshead on Tuesof last week, while working for the that his owner ordered him out of

mons and Corbett are again matched for a long and bitter struggle is the noble black bass to almost infinitesmal the newspapers. Thus far in their numerous croppie and sunfish, the sport is prosecuted

will corroborate. According to the latest agreement the men are to meet within sixty days after Corbett fights Sharkey, and from the present outlook it is reasonable to expect this event to come off some time in May. 1995, long after most of us have been gathered to our fathers. George Siler, the Chicago fistic scribe, is to referee the affair and will probably officiate from his perch and will probably others from his perchange in the jasper wall via the celestial telephone. The stakes, \$10,000 a side, are to be nailed up in Al. Smith's coffin and buried with him and one of the stipulations is that the winner must dig Al up and get the stuff with his own hands, and if he refuses to do this it is to remain with the remains of Mr. Smith until the arrival of remains of Mr. Smith until the arrival of the millennium, when it is to be handed over to a committee and spent for fire-works and water to celebrate the advent of that auspicious perasion.

And there is going to be no foot ball game Tom Burke, last year's winner at the same this year between the Yale and Harvard distance. Wefers was the winner at the teams. This has been definitely settled. and the interesting feature about it is that both parties seem quite satisfied with the settlement. At least that is what the was beaten. Burke, the victor, is the Bos- authorities on the matter say. A few days ton amateur champion as well as the king ago the news, or rather a statement, was issued from Harvard that the Crimsons would not play the Yale foot ball team this car. As soon as this announcement was made the Yale authorities gave the world to know that there could not possibly be such a game, as the Yale authorities some time ago decided that there had been too much athletics for a season or two past. the seven got on their marks, and there was a fear that the business would be scarcely a murmur in the great enclosure carried too far. It was, therefore, decided till the faint crack of the starter's pistol a year ago that there would be only one big game this year, and that there would not be any foot ball game or boat race be Burke's long, telling stride, so familiar to devotees of the sport, at once brought him to the front. He was followed by Kilpat to the front. He was followed by Kilpat and the sport well in had been made already by other people. It is not necessary to go into the unpleasant features of the estrangement between the athletic authorities of Yale and Harvard The public is aware that contests between these two bodies are more interesting than contests between any two other colleges or amateur organizations. A short time ago it was thought that a reconciliation had beer effected between them when each party sent a representative to the committee that revised the foot ball rules. But things will come all right, although, as the Yale authorities intimate, it may be 1898 before

An interesting question now is will ther be a game between the University of Penn sylvania and Yale teams. The former have solicited such a contest, but the people o the Yale side who claim to know say the there will not be any such contest. claimed that if Yale makes a date with the University of Pennsylvania this year an aliance will be claimed for several years, of tleast Yale would be expected to meet the University of Pennsylvania boys next year Now, this is not a reasonable excuse by an means. A game could be arranged between the teams for this year and no other, just as easily as the Yale authorities arrange to go to Henley this year without being compelled to go next year also. If the Yal-authorities want to play the Quakers they can do so without the least fear of there being any compulsion for games in future

despite the above unpleasant fe tures, there is going to be a great foot bal season this year among the big college and athletic clubs. The leading team promise to be as strong this year as they were last season. Both the Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania teams are hard at work getting ready for next month, when their contests begin. Last year it will be remembered that the Pennsylvanians profited considerably by their early training and this year they are working just as hard and have started just as early fine lot of atbletes, and, judging from appearances, there is no reason why the should not be as strong and as formidable as were the players of the university las year. It is safe to say that they wil make a good record, and that there will be some reason for big and ambitious college keeping clear of them.

The authorities in charge at Yale, Harvar and Princeton all state that their team will probably be better than last year There is strong "eason for thinking that th Crimsons will be stronger than they were Last year they were sadly interfered with in their work, and this drawback is no likely to happen this year; in fact, ther is more sympathy for the team this year at the university than there was last seaso; that is, the "powers that be" seem to be little more anxious about the team than wa the case in 1895. This is sure to be a grea encouragement.

The Cornell trial foot ball squad will number about 100 men. Nine of that num-ber trained for last year's team. They are Beacham, Taussig, Sweetland, Fitch Freeborn, Lyle, Starbuck, Richle, and Fennell. Among the new men entitled to con-sideration are many players from other colleges and preparatory schools. Harry Frank, a sen of Hon. Elmer Frank of this city, is a candidate for quarterback, with good showing of being elected. Georg Connors of Chicago will look after the phys leal condition of the men. The team will have no professional coach. Active train-ing began last Monday. The system of coaching at Yale, Harvard and other older institutions will be tried at Cornell this year. Captain Beacham will have a genera oversight of the various men. There will be fifteen or twenty of the old Cornell players back to assist in the work. The will come at different times, staying a week or two each, so that a sufficient number will always be on hand. Among those who will come back to do this work are Clint Wyckoff, captain of last year's team; Dyer and Mason of the '94 team; George Bacon and Edward Young. The following is a partial list of the games scheduled by Cor-September 23, Rochester at October 24, Harvard at Ithaca; October 31 Princeton at Princeton: November 14, Willams at Buffalo; Thanksgiving day, Pennsylvania at Philadelphia.

rived at New York from Southampton last Tuesday. There are fifteen men in the Antipedean party, and the main reason, so they say, for their trip to this country is to re-trieve the defeat they met with in 1893 at the hands of the Philadelphia cleven, whom they meet today (Friday). The whole outfit from the land of the Golden Fleece is in capital condition and they expect to over-whelm the Quaker boys this afternoon. Next Wednesday and Thursday they will collide with the Bergen Point team on the New Jersey Athletic club's grounds, and return games with Philadelphia October and 4. Just when they start west has not as yet been announced, but Omaha devotees of the sport can pretty certainly rely upon getting a chance to see them, as a sirenuous effort will be made to induce them to stop off at Omaha. Harry New, secretary of the Omaha Cricket club, as well as the sporting editor of The Bee, has written an urgent request to Captain Henry Trott, holding forth such inducements as is thought will be sufficient to accomplish the desired end. Mr. Utt of the Commercial club says that they shall be well cared for during their stay here, while the various cricket organizations will certainly vie with each other in their inment. A visit by this all-con-team would be of incalculable beneentertainment. quering team would b

ON THE LAKE AND IN THE FIELD. Weekly Ramble with the Followers of

Rod and Gun. Cutoff lake, it seems, is destined to always retain its charm for local hunters and fishermen. All through these delicious September days its shores are lined with industrious angiers, and while the finny luxuries that are lured from its translucent depths have dwindled in importance from croppie and sunfish, the sport is prosecuted typographical conflicts. Fitz has had decid- with as much vigor as of old, and the ardent fisherman is just as proud of his catch

Fork in the past.

But there is no denying it—the consciencecess netter and seiner has all but destroyed. an illegal sport. would think that there was a limit

standing these waters have long since been almost entirely depleted of their marketable fish, such as black bass, pickerel and cropple, of a size to justify their capture, he still continues his nefarious practice and will only cease when interested parties are sufficiently aroused to hunt him down and exterminate him.

eyon time at the lake, as in no season during the whole twelvemonth is this little patch of water, slough, reeds and mud so attractive to this class of sportamen, at no senson is there a better opportunity to make a creditable bag. It is in September that the teal shooting is at its best, and there is no other duck that visits these waters as numerously as the teal. The increased settlement about the lake, and the grand multiplication of shooting settlement about the lake, and the grand multiplication of shooting settlement about the lake.

cation of shooters, seemed to have no terrora for him. Let the haze of autumn once begin to draw its disphanous veil over the listant hills, and down comes this little mottled beauty, with a blue or a green splotch on either wing, from his summer abiding places in the north, down he comes to Cutoff's reedy shallows, to wallow in the sunshine and grow fat on the dainties which everywhere abound. The other ducks, canvasback, red-head, mallard, mallard, widgeon, baldpate and bluebill, are more wary than they formerly were. The numerous buildings which have been constructed about the lake, and the general metamorphose of the surroundings, together with the ubiquitous gunner and his deg, has warned them to seek more secluded and safer localities for their fall festival and sojournment. Of course these birds still drop in here, but in nothing like the myriads which use to mark regularly their spring and autumn migrations.

Years ago these waters bore a different name from what they do now. Fifteen or twenty years back they were known ex-clusively as Willow lake, and the new and neuphonious appellation was not applied intil after the erratic Missouri gave provocaion by its famous "cutoff," Those days too, were days made memorable by such old school sportsmen as General Crook, John Collins, John Petty, Judge Kennedy, Yank Hathaway, Jack Knowles, Al Pairick, Henry Homan and others. It was nothing unusual for a couple of these illustrous old shots to jump in a buckboard at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, drive up to Wilson's lake by the old road and knock over from fifty to seventy-five birds before night drew he urtain and shut off the sport. While Wilow lake in old lang syne was one of the greatest teal grounds to be found in the whole country; teal in those days were too small game for the men I have men-tioned. They were very "choicy," and teal, widgeon bluebill, baldpate could skim over decays with impunity; when their old sammer guns belched forth their storm of ire and smoke, it was the downfall of can-asback, redbead or mallard. In those lines duck hunting trips to the distant sandills country were unheard of, and journeys f any considerable consequence were only indertaken for buffalo, elk, deer and anelope; the nearby Elkhorn and Platte fur-itshed wild fewl in abundance, to say nothng of geese and swan, sandhill crane, jack-

nipe and chicken.
But, as I said before, Cutoff lake seems destined to withhold her magnetism for all time to come. Despite the improvements that have encroached upon the feeding and play grounds of the larger body of visiting wild fowl, there seems to be plenty of attractions here still for Anas Discors, the delicate teal, good feed in the muddy, reedy shallows, lelightful cover and open water of sufficient expanse to fulfill all requirements. And gain, September is the favored month here or yellowlegs, rail and jacksnipe, and while they are seldom to be met with in any unusual numbers, they stop off here in these fine fall days with sufficient frequency to render tolerable sport.

While on this subject I might add that ucks, save the ever present wood duck and speciabil, who returns to us in the fall from his breeding grounds in the north, and this is the time for them here. September. Where not frequently disturbed they sit in the mud along our low lake shores, som imes crowding so thickly that the stealthy not hunter is enabled to kill a dozen or more at a shot. The teal, both blue-wing nd green-wing, fly like a bullet, and when hey alight drop down with the suddenness f a Wilson snipe. They are extremely fond f low, mucky waters, where the splatter reeds and smartweed thickly bound. Their food is mostly of a vege-able character, and they are inordinately and of the tiny seeds of the reed, of wild ice and the tender shoots of all aquatic lants. No finer table bird exists, and in the fall, after a brief stay here, they ome exceedingly fat and toothsome. They lo not linger in this latitude long after the first nipping frost. There is no more deli-cate member of the wild fowl, and, as they are very susceptible to the cold they continue on southward at an early date.

What the United States needs is a gov rement proof house, where gues manufac-ured by American companies may be thoroughly tested as to the strength of their parrels and breech mechanism, says Billy ownsend. In many cases guns regarded as absolutely safe by their makers are after-ward returned to them, the barrels burst or bulged by the nitro powder. Here the maker is always held responsible, and is blamed because the gun broke. Often the break is caused by the use of an excessive barge of powder, but this can not be proved, and the reputation of the gun-maker suffers. In the event of the establishment of proof house by the government this would Il be done away. The gun would be thor-ughly tested in every particular, and with the largest charges of powder; they would then be stamped with the proof marks. Should the gun then break in the hands of the sportsmen he alone would be re-sponsible therefor, and the maker's reputaion would not be tarnished by any unjust riticisms. The same test would also be to he advantage of the sportsman, as in buying a gun he would have the govern-ment stamp on it—a certificate that it had

and has worked admirably. A set of regulations for quall shooting in the villages of the Gheezeh Province, Egypt, has just been issued. The season for quall shooting has now commenced, and very shortly, parties of sportsmen will be out after the birds on the cultivated ground between Cairo and the pyramids. Under the rules which have been posted up in all the principal hetels of Cairo, quali shooting in the cultivated laud of the vil-lages of the Gheezeh Province is prohibited unless a license has previously been obtained. A license costs P. T. 100 (about \$5). The proceeds of the sale of licenses for shooting will be distributed by the local authorities among the culti rators of villages where quait shooting I pay for the privileges accorded to them of going on the lands of villagers, whose crops they are very likely to damage, is a good one. Under Article 12 of the rules any infringement of them will be punished by a fine of P. T. 30 to P. T. 100 and imprison-

nent from twenty-four hours to five days. E. S. Dundy, jr., and his cousin, Charlie bundy, have returned from an eventful hunting expedition up in the wild fastnesses of the Idaho mountains. They had an envisable experience and a highly successful hunt, killing, however, only such game as they could use. They had numerus as they could use. They had numerus chances to slay that mighty monarch of the rocky wilderness, the elk, but refrained excepting such times as they required fresh meat. They lay for two hours, E. S. told me, watching the maneuvers of an approaching band of elk—twenty-seven cows, a num-ber of calves and two spike bulls. "It was an interesting sight," said Mr. Dundy. an interesting sight," said Mr. Dundy, and over again, all the afternoon, and away matching these noble animals, brousing and playing, until they approached within forty yards of the spot where we lay behind little disks and want to borrow more. Then the shelter of two huge boulders." Even the hunt breaks up, there is a little talk then they did not take alarm, but about "how much this and that one is

as if it was up to the standard of a day's passed on by the hunters' perdu and work in the past. off into the pines unsuspecting of any danger. Besides a number of elk and deer, the two hunters killed two mountain these waters as an attraction of real anglers and fishermen, men who know something and fishermen, men who know something wild game, with the possible exception of the ethics of the sport, who would distant to carry off infant croppie and sunfish hardly large enough to be distinguished from tadpoles, and men who in no way could be induced to participate in scent the hunters, although when first seen the hunters although when first seen the hunters, although when first seen the hunters although when first seen the hunters, although when first seen the hunters all hunters he was not over sixty yards away. They had plenty of time to formulate their plans, to all things, but this is a mistake. There is no limit to the gall and greed of the Cutoff lake market fisherman. Notwith standing these waters have long since been almost entirely depleted of their markets. pecial interest, and that was the killing of a big buil elk at a distance of over 1,900 yards. He was on the side of one mountain and Scip on the side of another. He saw the animal standing broadside and, without even elevating the sights, took a crack at Just now the shooter is enjoying his hal-you time at the lake, as in no season dur-else. His surprise was unbounded when he saw the big animal make a frenzied leap, then come rolling and tumbling down the steep mountain side. He rolled fully

> ganized gring of dog thieves operating in this city, as a large number of valuable bird dogs have disappeared within the last forinight. Dog owners, especially those possessing hunting dogs, should take extreme care of their animals at this time. Every year at this time this species of thief begins to get in his work. The hunting season being on, they experience but little difficulty in disposing of stolen dogs at a good profit, and once more owners are adonished to exercise increased care in keep ing their dogs close to home.

Stockton Heth and Joe Baldrige spent couple of days during the past week as guests of Bob Coffin of Randolph, chicken shooting in the vicinity of that pretty little burg. Mr. Coffin is a good fellow in every way, as the sporting editor has learned from littimate association, and the man lucky enough to draw him for a partner on or two's shoot, is a lucky individual in

Omaha gunners are again having capital sport with the rail, both clapper and sora, which seem to fairly swarm about the shores of all our adjacent lakes and lowlying flag and reed-covered marsh lands. In 1894 these birds were exceedingly plentiful on all the nearby grounds, more so, in fact, than they were ever known before since. This season they are again unusually numerous, but in nowise as plentiful as they were during the season mentioned but if there are any of the uninitiated who would like to indulge in an afternoon's sport they had better lose no time, for the first impressions by Jack Frest will set them a-scurrying for milder climes.

The rail is a queer little fellow, a mystic

spirit of marshy lake shore and reedy river bed. He is a bird of slow and deliberate flight and easily killed. Now and then, if you are shooting along the shores of the lake, there is an opportunity for a quick shot as one of the little feathered gnomes shows himself above the tulles for a couple of feet only, as it reaches out for the shelter of the high grass and rice, where boat cannot be pushed, or if a strong wind is blowing the rising bird is swept away and then a good allowance must be made for him. But ordinarily, in fair weather and on the wide marshy fields of Cutoff lake, he is a burlesque on marshmen, who fall to knock down nine out of every ten that dares exhibit himself above the waving grass. To knock down, however, always to retrieve, for the crippled rail is an adept in hiding himself in the wet reeds and weeds. Of course, misses are made by all of us, but for most of those made there is no possible excuse. Barrister and I went up to Cutoff the other afternoon and bagged some twenty-eight in a couple of hours' shooting.

Edward Black, who recently returned from cycling trip through Europe and an account of whose experiences will be found in The Ree's wheel department, has remen bered the sporting editor with a number of copies of that good old London journal, the Fishing Gazette, which for nearly a half century has been exclusively devoted to old angling, lake and sea fishing an papers have proved exceedingly interesting to me. I have reviewed them carefull and thoroughly, have found much instruclive and interesting matter and am free acknowledge that the venerable Fishing Ga zette is one of the sort of publications that assist in making life worth living. It very exhaustive in detail and seems to conducted on the fundamental base of truth and veracity. What one reads in the rising Greete no can append about coming pretty nearly the truth, there is no trush or vaporing by illiterate contributors. When a subject is discussed it discussed by some one who knows what his talking about. But while I unhesitating? cay all these good things about our English contemporary, I cannot for a moment com-pare the Gazette with such American sports men's magazines as Forest and Stream the American Angler and one or two others It lacks their typographical beauty, illus trative wonders and bright and newsy substance, and where one grows tired of or two of cumbersome English stuff at time, to pick up the Forest and Stream o hold on to it until you have read it from "cend to cend."

I. O. Rbedes, George Smith, A. E. Hutchi on, George O. Scribner and Brigadier Gen con, deorge o, scripper and Brigadier Gen-eral Gregory spent several days last week out on Silver Creek, hunting chicken. According to authentic advices this quintette of sportsmen are about to revolutionize the prevailing method of capturing away with all such unwieldy appurtenance as shot gun and shells, dogs, wagons and s forth. They intend to reduce the labor of hunting to a minimum, but just how they are to accomplish this I cannot say, as I am but meagrely posted as to their modus operandi. I do know this much, however that you do not have to leave your tent at All you do is to gather in a little circle all. about the mess-chest, and with a lot of little pictured pieces of pasteboard, kill your chicken. It is a species of necromancy that will require thorough education before it can be correctly understood. One man takes the full complement of pasteboards, mingles them together indiscriminately, and lays them on the chest. Then another one been tried and not found wanting, and that of the hunters carves them into two piles it was safe with any reasonable charge of and the man who did the mingling put and the man who did the mingling puts powder. This is plain, and for years has the two piles together, picks the whole up en adopted in several European countries and helps the other hunters to a certain number of pieces. When all have been supplied, they look at them critically a moment, and each one, either says: "I'm out," or "I stay." Then these who say boards and hunfer number one again hands them a like number from the main pile that is left. Then they all "skin" their papes, and "look wise, and study so hard you would think they were in a trance. But they are not Suddenly the con-'I'll stay" throw away some of their pastethey are not. Suddenly the one next to the one who had distributed the pasteboards, ejaculates "check." holding his pasteboards close up to his bosom. The next man looks at him, quizzlcally, then "skins" his pasteboards again, and picking up a number of celluloid disks piled in front of him, says "I'll have to go you five bones." The nex-hunter, who is evidently in a hurry, quickly hunter, who is evidently in a hurry, quickly exclaims: 'I see you, and goes you five better.' The fourth man informs the rest that he "quits," and the hunter who had mingled and distributed the pasteboards adds that he "goes to the stable." Then the hunter who "checked" says, "I've a good notion to elevate you. I think you're trying to steal the pot," referring possibly to the dinner pot still sizzling away on the camp stove. He "skins" his pasteboards again, fingers the little celluloid disks in front of him, and finally announces that he again, fingers the little celluloid disks in front of him, and finally announces that he "lays down." Then the hunter who had "gone" five bones picks up five more, and, tossing them in the center of the chest, says, "I call you; what you got?" Then the man who had "gone five better," replies "two little stinkin" pair," and the other hunter, still holding his pasteboards, lays them face up on the chest, and says "no good three threes," and rakes in all the little red and white disks that had been thrown on the chest. This they repeat over and over again, all the afternoon, and away

behind," when they all take a drink and orawl into thetir sleeping bags, and the last night they were there Hutchison says Scribner lost his voice saying "good." I would think, wouldn't you, that when a man found his voice going saying "good." he'd quit? Well, how do they get their chickens, you ask? That's the mystery, but I do know that when they got back to the city they all left the motor car at Howard street, went up to leken & Waller's commission house went to said were there mission house, went in and were there hardly five minutes when they came out, each one carrying from six to a dozen chickens. I guess they had them shipped in by telephone, don't you?

Tom Bruner and one or two other mem-bers of the old Merganzer club put in a day on the Sweetwater bottoms last week after that morceau of all feathered game, the Wilson snipe. While the birds had just begun to come in Mr. B. and party made a vory creditable bag, twenty-seven jacks and a number of lesser yellowlegs.

Cliffe Cole spent the week at Holdrege and he reports more than ordinary good chicken shooting. He and a companion in thirty-eight, the result of on day's hunt.

Mike Clarkson and Charlie Muentefering have been spending their vacation on Hon. Matt Daugherty's ranch in Arthur county and they had a great lot of sport with the chicken, jack rabbits and coyotes. But on Tuesday last they struck bigger game. They were scouting about the country a-horse-back and run into a bunch of ten antelope Both lads had a severe attack of the "buch ague," but they finally succeeded in crip-pling one of the animals, gave it a long chase, but it got away. Mr. Daugherty said they were the most surprised and most excited pair of kids he ever saw.

Dr. D. C. Bryant is the guest of Dr. C. D. Evans of Columbus. The two disciples of Esculapius have gone off into the far north n search of the toothsome prairie chicken and will be absent for a few days.

There will be a big live-bird and target shoot on the grounds of the Dupont Gun club this afternoon. Shooters generally in-vited to attend and take part in the sport.

ON THE BALL FIELD.

A Breezy Grist of News from Quarters of the Diamond. The past ten days have been less interesting in the National league than any pre-vious week since the opening game of the season. Baltimore still occupies the apex of the structure, with Cleveland as the main brace and Cincinnati next. On Thursday last the Queen city quitters surprised the world by shutting Pittsburg out twice. the two victories, however, only nudging her up in a slight degree on Cleveland As I stated last week, the teams will end the season pretty much as they stand today There is a fight for fourth place between Chicago and Boston, with the chances in favor of the Bean Eaters, and another for ninth place between Brooklyn and Washington. So far as honors are concerned, the other eight teams have shot their bolt,

John J. McCloskey may take Omaha's ranchise next year, says Ren Mulford. He alked of the Colonels the other day and aid: "It appears to me that McGunnigle said: now has some very fast young men and it batters are added the team next year will prove a winner. No team can win without heavy hitters. Dolan, the new man at short is the most promising youngster I ever saw and Pickering is very fast. He played under me once and I think he will recover is batting eye eventually. I believe heavy batters were secured the club will prove next season almost as great a surprise s did Baltimore the first year Hanlon wo

There will likely be some changes in the Chicago infield, despite Oom Adrian Anson's assertions that his team would play as it is Jimmy Connors has been drafted-or rathe ought-from the Minneapolis club, and so has Preston. Preston is a third baseman and Connors has always been a guardian of the middle bag. The latter covers acres of ground, but is about as ungraceful about his work as any of them. He can, however. throw accurately to first while falling down He's an off and on batter—some days strong and others weak—but as a whole would hit harder than Fred Pfeffer.

That awful slump and downfall of Buck Ewing's Reds can be accounted for by the players in the other eleven teams of the ague, though Buck is trying to fool himself with the belief that he cannot explain Here is Tommy Dowd's theory on th slump of Buckingham and the Reds: "The Reds they call themselves, but the Yellows would be a more appropriate name. There is enough saffron in the Cincinnati club to celebrate Orangeman's day on a large scale. If Li Hung Chang knew that such a big bunch of yellow was floating about the country he would have secured a corner

Connors and Preston have been drafted from Minneapolis. Connors played here in 1892 and impressed the crowd as a big, finebuilt fellow, with much fielding ability and a shock of stage fright every time he went o bat. Preston is the fellow who started in last year with Louisville and then, between lushing and McCleskey's nagging, fell heav lly by the wayside. He is said to have de-cided that the red stuff is better let alone, in which case he ought to be good enough for any team.-Chicago News.

Charley Snyder, the Washington umpire is achieving quite a record as a sprinter. Twice during July he made an exit from a Western league diamond with an inflam-mable mob of rooters in the wake, and last week on the Kansas City diamond he ran first in a sprint event with a vigilance committee of fans in second place, well bunched and close up. But Charles umpiring.—Washington Post. But Charley will insist

John J. McCloskey, the ex-manager of the Louisvilles, is figuring on a franchise in the Western league for next year for Omaha, and it is quite likely something will come out of the move. J. J. says he can put a very fast team in here, and that if he can only interest the right parties he can score a big success. that John will succeed in his project

There are about 183 players in the National league. Of these fifty-nine are Irishmen. The Emerald Isle is always well to the front when anything athletic is going on. There are forty-five Germans on the list, one Englishman, one Australian and three Frenchmen, leaving as American or unclassified seventy-four.

Manager Hanlon is the one league manager who doesn't have to stew or fret about strengthening his team for next season Judged by the long lead with which the Baltimores will win this year's pennant there is no way of making the team any stronger than it is.

that one year in Brooklyn has "deped' Tommie McCarthy out of the ginger he used to have. It is Patsey Tebeau. The Cleveland chief is quoted as saying that he will take McCarthy the minute he is put of the market.

There is one person who does not think

burg than Pittsburg has been for Cincinnati this season. Connie Mack's men have but to look at Anson and his cohorts and they start trembling. The Chicagos have the Pittsburgs eight out of nine games this season.

Blg "Cy" Young pitched five of the twelve games against Baltimore and won four of them. The game he lost was when he lad had only one day's rest. Cuppy pitched in six of the twelve games and lost only one. That also was when he had only nad one

the Baltimores shortly, and play a few games this season to allow Manager Hanlon a chance to size him up in fast company. Slagel may be all right, but he must show vast improvement over his Omaha form. La-jo-wee is the way to pronounce Lajole,

Jimmy Slagel, the ex-Omahog, is to join

according to the authority of Linguist Lave Cross. "If I were a name like that I would get a job tearing ribbons in Macy's or thumping a plane with a burlesque show," is the critical fling that Comedian Dad Clarke takes at La-io-wee.

Comiskey has suspended "Wee Willie" McGill for being such a rabid a rit-pohibi-

Dwyer is Cincinnati's winning twirle Of the thirty-two games he has pitched he has won twenty-four. He has hit only seven men and made five wild pitches.

The Bostons are thinking seriously signing Jimmy Cooney, once an Omaha favorite. Snapper has put up a sound money game for Providence this year.

Omaha must have a professional ball tear for 1898. She is to have most everything else, but without a good, fast ball team she will not be in the aporty awire.

Low Camp, the Omaha boy, has been doing some terrific batting for Grand Rapids re-cently, in addition to a lot of gill-edged

President Hart has given it out authoritatively that the league's champoniship serson next year will not begin before May

Dowd, Brettenstein, Conner and Morgan Murphy are out of place in the St. Louis team. They should be in faster company. Fifield of the Detroits and Denzer of the bilities for next season.

Bill Everett of the Chicagos did not misgame last year, and so far this season has

played in every game.

Anson made a bet in Baltimore recently of \$100 to \$75 that the Clevelands would trim the Orioles.

Questions and Answers. OMAHA, Sept. 13.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: In a five-handed game of razzle-

of the Bee: In a new-nanced game of razzle-dazzle, A bids 13 and plays it alone, makes 13 and claims 26, because he played it alone; the other four players object and say it don't make any difference how you play it; who is right? And if there are a book of rules on this game please give address of store that has it to sell. Please dress of store that has it to sell. Please answer in next Sunday's Bee.—A Subscriber, Ans.—(1) A is correct. (2) I do not know if there "are" a book of rules on this game or not. Think not. Write to Homer Kirk. TAMA CITY, Ia., Sept. 15.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: Please state in next Sunday's Bee how to treat a distempe afflicted setter; also what do you consider good time for four and a half furlongs and one mile and one-sixteenth for a running horse?-Melby Mills.

Ans .- (1) Keep the dog warm and allow no exercise; vary the diet as much as possible, and give plenty of milk and one grain of quinine three times a day. (2) 0.55½ for 1/2 furlongs; 1:48 for 1 1:16 miles.

AMES, Neb., Sept. 14.—To the Sporting
Editor of The Bee: Please answer the following question in next Sunday's Bee: A and H make a wager to run a race of ninety five yards, A to ride bieycle and B to run on the following evening. In the mean time about two inches of rain falls and makes track too muddy for bicycle; A wishes to call race off or postpone, but I insists on race being run. If B refuses t run at time set and A insists, can A clain

stakes?-Arthur G. Williams. Ans.-He certainly can, if no stipulation about weather conditions were made, FREMONT, Sept. 17 .- To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: To decide a wager please state if, when playing the "cuter" poker, that card makes the fifth ace?-Ans.-No. There is no such thing as five

tionist. Commy said that he should not let | acce in a deck of cards. Four aces with "cuter" is no better than four aces

OMAHA, Sept. 16 .- To the Sporting Editor of The Hee: In a game of pitch, A is ten points and B is eight points. B bids three and makes high, jack and the game, and Which is out, play A makes low-

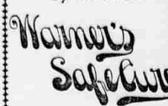
oints as game? Agswer in Sunday's paper. Ans.—As they play it here the bidder goes out if he scores his points.

FORT YATES, N. D., Sept. 12.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: To decide a wager would you be so kind as to answer the following question: Did the population of the city of Omaha ever reach an aggregate of 140,000 prior to the incorporation

South Omaha.-Members of Company G dierary Association. Ans.—The last census gave Omaha 140,452, Omaha and South Omaha are separate and distinct towns. South Omaha was incorporated eight or nine years ago.



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